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SPONSOR HIGHLIGHT

We want to extend a special thanks to our sponsor of the week, First Security Bank & Trust Co. Your generosity allowed us to provide breakfast meals for the children who needed them. Your support truly makes a huge difference in our community!

Our Sponsor of the Week program is a fantastic initiative that allows us to highlight the generous contributions of local businesses and individuals who support La Luz Centro Cultural. Each week, we feature a different sponsor who has made a significant impact on our programs and services. This recognition not only shows our appreciation but also helps build strong community relationships.



IGNITE THE SPIRIT FOOD PANTRY

This month, we also hosted a drive-thru pantry organized by the 4-H Kids Club. The club has been busy distributing holiday food bags to local families, with a total of 50 bags prepared in collaboration with the Ignite the Spirit program from Iowa Select Farms. These were filled with essentials like rice, beans, potatoes, and a pork loin from Iowa Select Farms. Liliana Velasco from ISU Extension highlighted how involved the children have been in every step of this process.



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CHRISTMAS AT LA LUZ CC

For Christmas, we want to express our gratitude to Walmart Iowa Falls for their generous \$2000 Spark Good grant. This support enabled us to host a festive Christmas party where every child in our After School Program received a gift, enjoyed a delicious dinner, and participated in fun activities. Thanks to this grant, we were also able to replenish our food pantry, purchase items for Ignite the Spirit, and assist a family in need with winter clothing, hygiene supplies, and toys for their three children.

A big thank you to Ben Nanda, Operator, and Olivia Polk, Marketing Supervisor at Chick-fil-A Waterloo, for their thoughtful contributions to the children in our After School Program. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Additionally, we had a successful Christmas cookie fundraiser and launched our end-of-year campaign to raise funds for remodeling our building. We're thrilled to announce that we met our fundraising goal and are excited to kick off the remodeling at the beginning of this year!

